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This book offers practical advice to school library media specialists for developing and improving leadership skills. It is asserted that societal crises like illiteracy, poverty, alienation, and socioeconomic divisions make librarians "ecologists" of the mind. Librarians ensure equitable access to others' insights into life's concerns, and particularly because schools help form young minds, school librarians are in a critical position to positively influence society. Drawing heavily on folkloric metaphor, the book presents ideas on library leadership in ten sections: (1) "Rings of Influence"; (2) "Archetypes of Leadership"; (3) "The Quest for Personal Management"; (4) "The Folklore of the Organization"; (5) "The Magic Power of Empowerment"; (6) "Leading the Library: The Inner Ring of Leadership"; (7) "Leadership within the School: The Second Ring of Power"; (8) "Leadership within the Community: The Third Ring of Power"; (9) "Leading within the Profession: The Fourth Ring of Power"; and (10) "The Audience Role of Following." (Contains 113 references.) (SWC)

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